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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information.</u>		

1. From 17 November to 3 December 1954, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg quartered an estimated 3,000 KVPs who wore mainly blue service color. During the night, the windows of all quartering buildings were lighted. Men reassigned to the unit prior to 24 November allegedly numbered about 100 soldiers. An identity card was signed by Senior Lieutenant Wildmann (fnu) company commander. Five T-34 tanks and a truck which carried an undetermined number of mortars were observed in the area of the installation.¹ 25X1
2. Activities included record practices with rifles and pistols, field training, and drill. On 29 November, 150 men who carried no weapons were observed at platoon-level drill in the barracks area. On 3 December, 5 T-34 tanks were observed at field driving exercises.
3. The site opposite the barracks installation on Forster Strasse included 18 low buildings, construction of which was completed except for interior improvements.¹
4. On 8 November, soldiers observed at the former Flak Kaserne on Ohrdruffer Chaussee in Gotha wore black-bordered blue, red-bordered green and black-bordered red collar patches.
5. the barracks installation at 2 Buergerstrasse quartered 250 to 300 men who wore red-bordered black collar patches.²
6. barracks installation on Olbricht Strasse in Leipzig-Gohlis 2,000 new garments were stored there in early November.³ 25X1
7. Prior to 4 December, the perimeter of the Weisswasser training grounds ran from the area of the Weisskeissel stop, south-southeast of Weisswasser, to the west as far as the southern perimeter of Tzschelln - along the Spree River downstream as far as the mouth of the Kl. Spree River - along the Kl. Spree River upstream, excluding the town areas of Burghammer, Burg and Weisskollm, as far as the northern perimeter of Lippenand, from there, via Merzdorf and Boxberg, to the east as far as the railroad line from Rietschen to Weisswasser which formed the eastern perimeter of the training grounds. The Weisswasser-Nochten-Uhyst road and the Weisswasser - Tzschelln path were open for civilian traffic. The komendatura of the training grounds was stationed at Nochten.

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8. Starting on 25 November, 15 carloads of gravel, paving stones and other road construction materials which were consigned to the VEB Strassenbau Weimar (road construction enterprise) arrived daily at Weisswasser. Since 6 December, KVPs who were equipped with trucks also engaged in shipping these materials toward Nochten.

Comment. Units known in this installation include the medium tank regiment, the heavy tank SP regiment and the tank instruction battalion of Mechanized Division Dresden. It is believed that the strength of 2,000 men is too high. Prior to the beginning of the summer moves in May, the same source has mentioned the number of 2,000 men. The medium tank regiment is allegedly to move into the new low buildings. The truck with mortars which is mentioned in the present report probably does not belong to any of the units which are stationed at the installation.

Comment. The 2d Mtz Rifle Regt and the tank SP regiment of Motorized Rifle Division Erfurt are known to be stationed in the former Flak Kaserne. The AAA battalion is located in the Buergerau Kaserne.

Comment. This barracks installation quarters the corps troops of Korps Sued.

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